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WEST WAY ROW GATHERS PACE

More than 1,000 sign petition against proposed development

OVER 1,000 people have signed a petition against the current plans to redevelop the West Way shopping centre in Botley, amid concerns the proposed development would be unsuitable for the area.

And 350 Botley residents attended a public meeting on Monday evening held by West Way Community Concern (WWCC).

One of the speakers at the meeting was Arthur Howse, owner of Elms Parade which is situated in front of the shopping centre and houses a number of independent retailers.

Under property developer Doric's proposed redevelopment plans, Elms Parade would need to be demolished, along with the centre and Field House.

However at the meeting Mr Howse stated he had "no need or desire" to sell Elms Parade, meaning Doric could require Vale of White Horse District Council to obtain a compulsory purchase order.

Chris Church, chairman of WWCC, said: "Originally there were plans for a smaller redevelopment which we fully support.

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By **Adam Flinn**

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"Doric then suggested that the development should be larger, and that's why Elms Parade and Field House come into the picture.

"We have no evidence that the Howse family are planning to sell. They repeatedly said they have no need or intention to sell, so if the development goes ahead, the council is in a position where it needs to compulsory purchase. Normally, compulsory purchase is for wrecked buildings where a landowner is simply land-banking them and doesn't want to sell, which is a bit different. This is a vibrant part of the community."

Cllr Matthew Barber, leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "The precise extent of the scheme that is to be put forward by Doric is not yet known.

"Doric does not have to own the land upon which the planning application is submitted.

"In these kinds of schemes, there is always an expectation that if a developer wishes to include someone else's land, they will seek to acquire this interest by negotiation."

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Child sex pervert is jailed for five years

• *Keith Godfrey*

By **Adam Flinn**
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AN OXFORD man has been jailed for five years after he was convicted of causing a child to engage in a sexual act, and possessing and distributing indecent images of children.

Keith Godfrey, 69, of St Nicholas Park, Old Marston, was sentenced last Thursday at Oxford Crown Court relating to 15 offences.

This included five counts of making indecent images of children, nine counts of distributing indecent images of children, and one count of causing a child to engage in a sexual act.

He had pleaded guilty to the offences at an earlier hearing, after the abuse came to light when an image was found on Godfrey's computer, showing him abusing a boy in Thailand.

Godfrey was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for the first five offences and two years' imprisonment for the next nine offences, all of which to run concurrently of each other.

He was then sentenced to three years' imprisonment for the final offence to run consecutively of the other sentences, resulting in a total of five years.

Detective Constable Simon Beaton, of the Paedophile Online Investigation Team, spoke about the case following the sentencing.

He said: "This investigation focussed on the activities of Keith Godfrey, an individual who abused a child and chatted openly with other internet users about his sexual interest in children.

"He accessed, stored and shared a large amount of indecent images of children. Travelling away from the UK to commit sexual offences against children will not prevent the police from pursuing paedophiles.

"These acts and images of these acts are abhorrent in nature, and Thames Valley Police is committed to protecting our communities from people who act in this way."

Development is 'Barton Park'

AN 800-home development in Oxford that was approved by the city council in September will be named Barton Park, following consultations with the local community.

The name was chosen by pupils at Bayards Hill School, who had been asked to create a logo for the new area.

Members of the community were also invited to attend drop-in sessions with the school and retailers during the outline planning application consultation, with Barton Park being the most popular choice of name.

David Edwards, executive director for city regeneration at Oxford City Council, was pleased with the new name.

He said: "The development process for the new Barton development is moving very fast, and the council is delighted with the high level of community engagement in the naming discussion.

"The integration of the new and old communities is a key objective of the scheme design and the name that has been chosen will support that integration very effectively."

James Robinson of developers Grosvenor said: "The Barton Park name will help to quickly establish the neighbourhood as a destination in its own right.

"Most importantly, it reflects the ambition to integrate the new community with existing residents at Barton."

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Bus company 'ready' for low emission zone restrictions...

A FLEET of Oxford buses have been fitted with special banners proclaiming they are ready for the introduction of the city's low emission zone.

As of January 1, the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) will be implemented and in anticipation the Oxford Bus Company have unveiled signs proclaiming: "I'm set for LEZ".

From next year, buses operating within the LEZ will have to meet stringent 'Euro V' standards for nitrogen in an attempt to improve air quality.

The new signs were unveiled by John Tanner, Oxford City Council's cabinet member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford and Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport, David Nimmo-Smith.

Over the last five years, Oxford Bus Company has invested £15million in environmentally friendly vehicles including state of the art electric hybrid buses.

Philip Kirk, managing director of Oxford Bus Company said: "They can cut fuel consumption by as much as 39 per cent.

"This in turn reduces CO2 emissions by a similar amount.

"Oxford Bus Company aims to provide the best possible service to the people of Oxford whilst minimising our effect on the historic city."

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Man headbutted

POLICE are looking for a white van driver who headbutted a 28-year-old man in Park End Street on Friday morning following a traffic dispute.

The two men grappled on the ground following the incident until a passer-by pulled the offender away, who then drove off. The victim was uninjured.

The offender is described as white, of medium build, aged in his forties with short grey hair. Anyone with information should call 101.

Can you help?

THAMES Valley Police is asking for your help in identifying recent offenders in Botley and South Hinksey.

Officers wish to identify a male who they believe shoplifted from Lloyds Chemist, The Square, Botley.

They would also like to find the two men (pictured below) at Oxford Garden Centre, South Hinksey, who stole £300 worth of plants on September 29.

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Never try to multi-task at the wheel of a car

DESPITE boasting the lowest figures in the south of England for people who have points on their license for being distracted at the wheel, Oxford's drivers have been warned of the dangers of multi-tasking on the road.

Brake, a road safety charity, has revealed that 2,380 drivers in the city have points on their license for driving a vehicle while using a hand-held mobile phone or interactive communication device.

The figure is over 4,500 less than Twickenham where 7,198 people have points for what is termed as a CU80 driving offence.

However, in total there are 7,495 people in Oxford with points on their license in comparison to 4,204 drivers in Slough.

By **Jack Johnson**

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The figures have been released by the charity to highlight the start of Road Safety Week which calls on drivers to be more focused on the roads to prevent crashes caused by multi-tasking at the wheel.

Laura Woods, campaigns officer at Brake, believes that smart phones pose a dangerous temptation to drivers to divert their concentration away from the road.

She said: "Many people who wouldn't dream of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other distractions while driving, oblivious that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as horrific.

"We're calling on drivers in the south to tune into road safety, to turn off your phone or put it in the boot, and never try to multi-task at the wheel.

"We're also appealing to everyone to refuse to chat to someone on the phone who's driving, to help them arrive safely."

A 39-year-old man from Eynsham, five miles north of Oxford, was killed when cycling in May last year by a driver who was eating at the wheel.

Joe Wilkins' partner Nicci Saunders is supporting the Road Safety Week and spoke of how her life and that of her two daughters will never be the same again.

She said: "Road crashes are avoidable, and Joe's death could have been prevented so easily by the driver giving his full attention to driving.

"No one wants to go through what we are going through so I'm asking everyone to help prevent tragedies like this.

"Please remember it doesn't just happen to other people."

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

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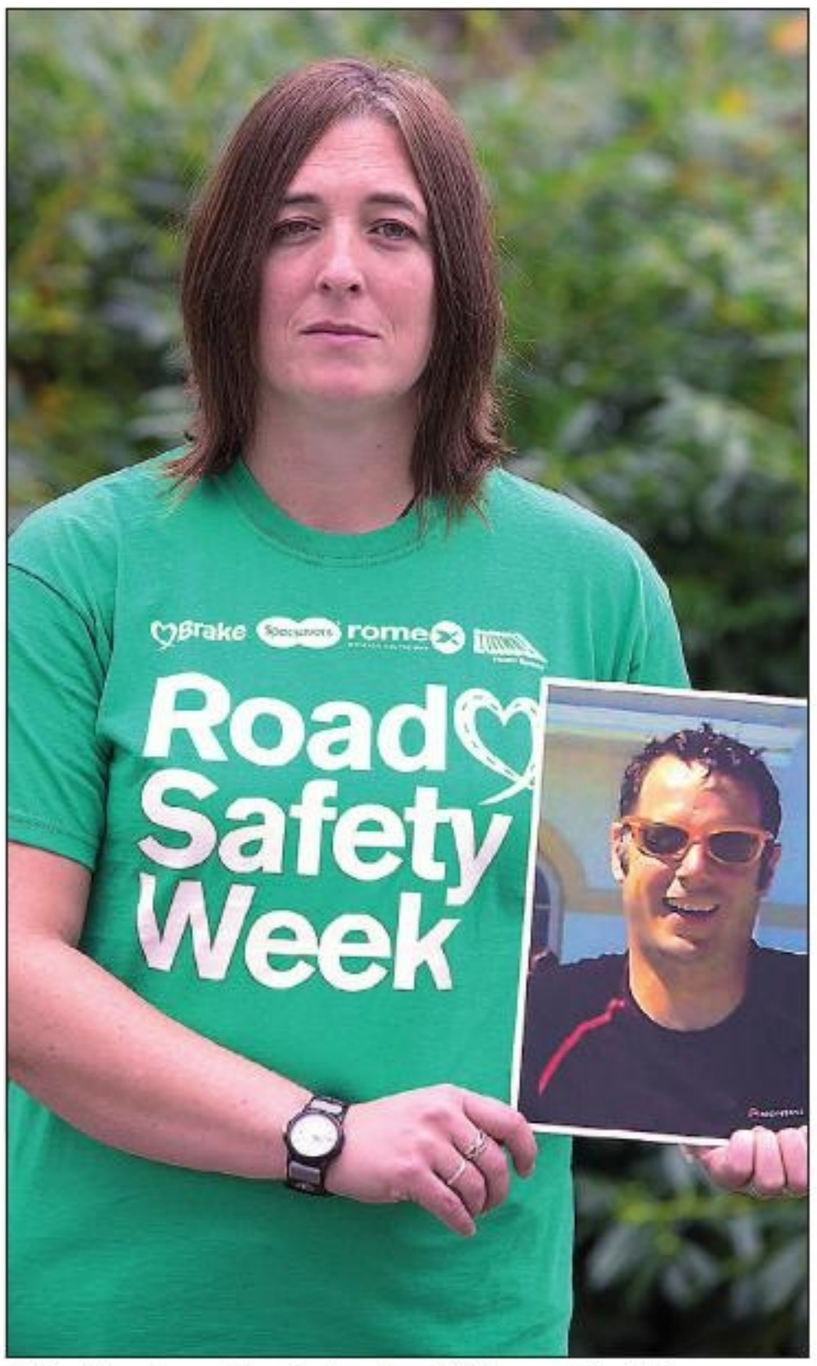

• *Nicci Saunders, whose partner Joe Wilkins was killed last year*

Forget about waste - let's get cooking to music...

A FOOD waste extravaganza offering the people of Oxford a free lunch using farm food that would have gone uneaten is taking place in Bonn Square today.

Disco Soup gives visitors the chance to chop up fruit and veg to make their own free hot soup, cook along to music and press their own apple juice.

It is part of a number of events that have been taking place in Oxfordshire this week for European Week for Waste Reduction, encouraging people to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle more.

Cllr David Dodds, chairman of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, said: "It's fantastic to see so much happening.

"As well as recycling over 60 per cent of all waste, Oxfordshire residents generate the least amount of waste per person in the country.

"These events all help contribute to this impressive performance and give us more ideas of how to keep it up."

Organiser Dot Tiwari, from Abundance Oxford, said: "Following successful events in Germany and France, we're really excited to bring Disco Soup to the UK for the first time.

"We're looking to bring food that would have otherwise gone to waste, to the masses!"

It starts at 11am, and finishes at 4pm.

Female clergy pioneers to visit Oxford next year

SOME of the first women to be ordained in the country along with those who campaigned for female priests will be in Oxford next June.

They will be at the Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral and the exhibition and panel discussion at St Mary the Virgin on High Street to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the ordination of women priests.

The Revd Rose Hudson Wilkin, chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Professor Helen King, a General Synod member and licensed lay preacher, will be among those on the panel, along with the Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham and a young curate.

The idea for the service came from lay people in the Diocese of Oxford who felt the campaign that led up to the ordination of women priests should be celebrated.

Revd Dr Amanda Bloor, one of the organisers, said: "We are celebrating people who have worked so hard in the past to allow the full inclusion of women in the Church of England and to track all the incredible achievements that have happened over 20 years.

"This isn't the end of something, it is a stage on the journey."

Revd Judith Maltby, chaplain of Corpus Christi College in Oxford will be chairing the panel.

She was one of the first 70 women priests to be ordained in the Oxford Diocese 20 years ago and said the idea of the panel was to "respond to the past" and "look forward to the future".

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Work begins on Hinksey Park seating

OXFORD City Council has started work to create a new seating area at Hinksey Park, replacing an under-used area of an outdoor pool complex.

Around 2,500 tonnes of excess soil will be used to fill in the area of the pool to expand the current seating area, with the soil coming from the site of the new swimming pool complex in Blackbird Leys.

Work is scheduled to last for four weeks, and while the car park will be closed for this period, the rest of the park will remain open.

Cllr Mike Rowley, board member for leisure services, said: "We want to make sure that the excess soil from the swimming pool site is re-used.

"Knowing that we had an underused area at Hinksey Park, we decided this was the best way to use it.

"There is other work happening at Hinksey Park in preparation for next spring when the pool re-opens, including tree pruning, fence removal and additional drainage being installed."

The swimming pool in Blackbird Leys is due to be completed by December 2014, and features will include a 25 metre main pool, a sauna and soft play area.

Over 100 turn out for Shell protests

By **Adam Flinn**

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GREENPEACE protestors held a quiet vigil outside the Shell petrol station on London Road, Oxford, on Saturday, as a response to the 30 people being held in Russia.

At present, 28 activists and two journalists are being held in St Petersburg, and protestors were demanding that Shell pull out from their planned joint venture of Arctic drilling with Russian company Gazprom.

Around 120 protestors were in force at the garage on Saturday night, and held a torchlight vigil to urge Gazprom to release the Greenpeace activists.

Steve Ball organised the Oxford protest, as his brother Phillip is one of the Greenpeace activists currently in custody in Russia.

He said: "The protest went absolutely brilliantly, outstandingly well. We were really pleased with the turnout, and everything was well managed.

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• *Folk singer Peggy Seeger was one of the protestors in Oxford on Saturday evening*

"Out of the 120, 12 of them were regular Greenpeace activists, and the whole of the rest were Oxfordshire people who came out to support us.

"It will have got the whole issue back into the public eye. I'm sure that will filter back to the prosecutors in Russia, and I can only hope it has some influence.

"Shell aren't strictly linked with Gazprom at the moment, other than they are in negotiations to go into partnership with them in the Arctic.

"We're hoping they realise Gazprom has a tremendously bad name, and is making it worse by keeping these activists in custody."

A spokesperson for Shell said: "We respect the right of individuals and organisations to engage in a free and frank exchange of views about meeting the world's growing energy needs.

"Recognising the right of individuals to express their point of view, we only ask that they do so in a manner that is lawful and does not place their safety or the safety of others at risk."

However, Shell declined to comment on Gazprom or the activists.

Another round of protests is planned soon, with further details about times and locations to be announced in the near future.

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Get on board!

SKATEBOARD coaching sessions will begin in Greater Leys this Sunday to teach 14-17-year-olds not just the basics but advanced tricks.

Organised by the Oxford Wheels Project the sessions, which will take place every Sunday from 11am-1pm, will be at Fry's Hill Skate Park.

The first two sessions are free but will cost £2.50 from thereafter.

Charity concert

THE Radcliffe Orchestra raised £1,500 for disabled children's charity Footsteps Foundation, when they staged a classical music concert at the John Radcliffe Hospital's Tingewick Hall.

Concerts are held three times a year by the orchestra.

The £1,500 raised will go towards physiotherapy sessions for children providing one child with a full three-week session.

Sex charges

A 35-year-old man has been charged for a number of sexual offences carried out in Oxfordshire and the rest of the country between July 2005 and 2008.

The man, from Hereford, was charged with conspiracy to rape a girl aged 13, 14 or 15 and conspiracy to engage in penetrative sexual activity with a girl aged 13 to 15.

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Turn on those festive lights!

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Proceedings start tomorrow with Christmas Light Night and the Lantern Parade, along with a programme of art, music, dance and performance.

From 5pm, visitors to the Town Hall can follow the fantastical creatures family trail, and discover what life was like for children in the Second World War.

An exhibition of contemporary artwork is being staged by the Oxford Visual Arts Development Agency (OVADA) around the Town Hall, featuring the work of artists from across the South East.

Shoppers can also visit the Museum of Oxford shop in St Giles during the festival, with a number of unique gifts available in time for Christmas.

Saturday at the museum will see the history of Morris Motors going on display, as part of a celebration of 100 years of car making in Oxford.

It will feature footage of 1930s car manufacturing, as well as stories from the past century, and is free to the public to look round.

For more information about any Christmas activities taking place in Oxford this year, go to www.oxfordschristmas.com.

Job security boost after MINI launch

By **Jack Johnson**

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THE latest MINI to roll off the production line in Cowley made its worldwide debut earlier this week and BMW have marked the celebration with a multi-million pound investment.

BMW's factory's in Oxford, Swindon and Hams Hall will benefit from a £750million investment as the new MINI was unveiled to the world.

The investment at the car plant in Cowley will see a new 1,000-robot body shop while ensuring additional job security for its employees.

Prime Minister David Cameron was lucky enough to see the new MINI when he visited the factory last month and spoke highly of the new investments made by the company.

Mr Cameron said: "This £750 million investment is great news for both the local and wider economy, along with the 5,500 workers whose jobs are safeguarded by this launch.

"Car manufacturing is a vital engine for growth.

"Production is back up to pre-recession levels and a car rolls off the line every 20 seconds in the UK. But we're not complacent.

"Our industrial strategy is a key part of the Government's economic plan and we're helping to drive the car industry further and faster with over £4bn of investment."

Harald Krueger, BMW Group's board member for production, added: "The UK is the heart of MINI production – thanks to the experience, competence and strong commitment of all our employees."

The new car is said to be "completely new from the ground up", with its market launch set for Spring next year.

• *Prime Minister David Cameron and Peter Schwarzenbauer, BMW Group's board member for MINI (Picture courtesy of MINI Plant Oxford)*

Uni buildings in preservation thumbs-up

A HOST of University and college building projects have been recognised in this year's 36th Oxford Preservation Trust Awards.

Magdalen College Cloisters, the Radcliffe Humanities, and the University Church of St Mary the Virgin were awarded plaques in the Building Conservation category.

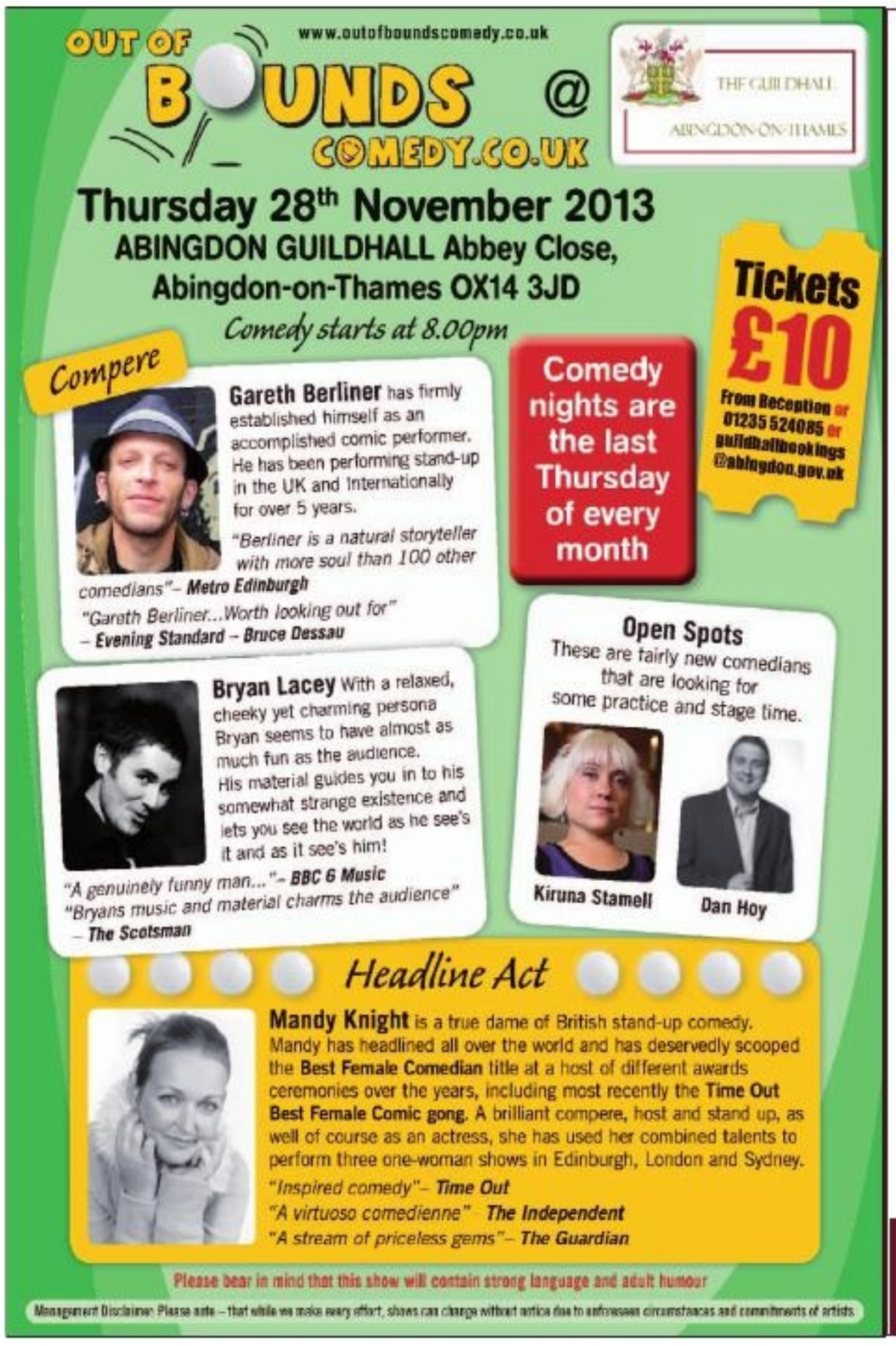
The Sheldonian Theatre's new flooring project received a certificate, while letters of commendation went to the South Clerestory and South Aisle, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Donald Locke Staircase at Wadham College.

In the New Building category, plaques were awarded to the Gateway Buildings, St Antony's College, and the new buildings project at Pembroke College.

Certificates also went to the West Wing of the Saïd Business School Phase two and student accommodation at Somerville College.

Ramp access in Tom Quad at Christ Church was rewarded with a certificate in the Small Projects category, while the Old Radcliffe Infirmary fountain received a letter of commendation.

Isobel Hughes, head of Conservation and Buildings at Oxford University Estates Services, said: "We are proud to once again receive recognition from Oxford Preservation Trust for our conservation work and for new additions to the city."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HIV awareness

SEXUAL health charity Terrence Higgins Trust is holding fund-raising and information drives in Oxford on November 30, to raise awareness and support for people living with HIV.

Events are taking place in the city centre and Summertown from 10am to 5pm, and follows on from the charity's HIV awareness presentation evening at St John's College on Monday.

Tower designs

CONSULTATIONS regarding the design plans for five Oxford tower blocks are set to begin today, as part of a project to improve the living environment for over 700 residents that live in them.

Tower blocks included in the programme are Evenlode Tower and Windrush Tower in Blackbird Leys, Foresters Tower in Wood Farm, Hockmore Tower in Cowley and Plowman Tower in Northway. The four consultations start today and end on November 27.

Sound of music

YOUNG singers and musicians from schools across Oxfordshire will perform at the Sheldonian Theatre tomorrow, to celebrate 100 years since the birth of renowned British composer Benjamin Britten.

Around 350 schoolchildren will be accompanied by the County Youth Orchestra, along with choristers from Christ Church Cathedral, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Tickets cost £4, and are available from the county council's music service.

City development is 'a rare opportunity'

By **Adam Flinn**

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THE Oxpens development has moved a step closer, following the approval of the Oxpens Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) by Oxford City Council last week.

It would be used to create housing, offices, research and development space, a hotel, local amenities and public open space at the site, in accordance with the council's West End Area Action Plan.

The plan outlines the policies for development on the Oxpens site, while the SPD will determine how these policies can be implemented.

Cllr Colin Cook, board member for city development, said: "The Oxpens site represents one of the most significant development opportunities in Oxford city centre.

"It provides us with a rare opportunity to create a new city centre neighbourhood, and it is great to see a key part of our vision for the regeneration of the West End come a step closer."

Oxpens is a key project in the Oxford City Deal proposal, with the potential to deliver up to 300 new homes and support over 1,000 jobs.

• *The Westgate Centre is one of the sites due to be developed as part of the West End Area Action Plan*

The council is working closely with major landowners in the area ahead of the development commencing, to develop a joint venture strategy for the area.

Members of the public were invited to comment on the draft Oxpens SPD over the summer, resulting in 143 representations made during the consultation period.

The council have said that the vast majority of the representations received were in favour of the proposed long-term vision, with revisions made where appropriate to the SPD.

Oxpens' redevelopment is part of a wider vision of the West End of the city centre, which also includes the expansion of Oxford Station, the transformation of Frideswide Square and the redevelopment of the Westgate Centre.

For more information, go to www.oxfordwestend.co.uk.

Man arrested after female cyclist is pulled off her bike

A 50-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting a female cyclist in Oxford on November 13.

Shortly after 7pm, a 26-year-old woman was cycling on the towpath near Osney Mead when a man approached her from behind and pulled her off the bike.

When the woman shouted out he let go and she ran away.

The man was white, of stocky build and was wearing a dark hooded top with the hood up.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Pauline Heilbron said: "The victim was unhurt but clearly very shaken and upset by this incident.

"Although Oxford is generally a very safe place, people may feel more reassured by choosing well-lit areas and taking notice of their personal surroundings when alone."

Anyone who saw the incident or who saw a man acting suspiciously on the towpath is asked to contact Det Sgt Heilbron on 101.

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers.

The arrested man has been released on bail until December 12.

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A good View at the O2...

POPULAR Scottish band The View come to Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday to perform a selection of songs from their four albums, including the number one release 'Hats Off To The Buskers'.

The tour rounds off a busy year for the four-piece band, which has seen them supporting the Stone Roses in front of 50,000 people in Glasgow as well as their own successful shows.

Doors open at 7pm. For further details, call 0844 477 2000 or go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.

Thriller Live!

DIRECT from London's West End, Thriller Live comes to the New Theatre from Tuesday, featuring countless Michael Jackson favourites for audiences to enjoy.

The two-hour show pays homage to Jackson's illustrious career and his 40 years in the music industry. Go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020 for more information.

'On stage is the only time I can really relax now'

POPULAR comedian Shappi Khorsandi concludes her mini UK tour at the Oxford Glee Club next Thursday, with her new show reflecting on her misspent youth.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Iranian-born Shappi has become increasingly popular in recent years, with television appearances on QI and Have I Got News For You, as well as starring on a number of radio programmes.

Oxford is the sixth and final date of the tour, coming after she celebrated the birth of her second child and her 40th birthday earlier this year.

"I'm having an enormous amount of fun!" said Shappi. "After having a baby, going out on stage is the only part of the day when I relax.

"I turned 40 this year, and the relief was indescribable, because a lot of it is reflecting on my misspent youth.

"But I love my job. It's really lovely to have that creative outlet in between nappy changes."

Shappi enjoys her television and radio commitments, but it is clear that she definitely prefers performing stand-up comedy in front of an audience.

"It's a completely different job almost," Shappi added. "When you start doing TV, it's very different to when people are in the same room as you.

"With stand-up, the audience can get on board with you, you can take the show anywhere and do anything, but on telly there isn't that intimacy.

"But it's still very good to do.

"And I loved doing Have I Got News For You. I suppose the most exciting thing is doing programmes that you watch yourself, really enjoy and dream of being on."

After the tour finishes, Shappi is set to begin a writing project, the details of which she is keeping under wraps.

There will also be a new stand-up show ready for next year's Edinburgh Festival, to be called 'Heroes and Rapscallions'.

Last entry for the show is at 7.30pm, with tickets costing £13.

For booking information, go to www.glee.co.uk/oxford or alternatively call 0871 472 0400.

• Shappi Khorsandi brings her new show to Oxford next week

A bear hunt

THE story of a family who go on the exhibition of a lifetime is retold in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', a children's show coming to the North Wall Arts Centre.

Based on the book by Michael Rosen, the puppetry production sees the characters exploring a forest, wading through a river and peering into a cave, to see what they will find.

Three shows at 11am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm will take place tomorrow and Saturday, costing £7. To book, go to www.thenorthwall.com or call 01865 319450.

In Narnia

NARNIA is brought to life, as a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe will be staged at Henley's Kenton Theatre from Monday.

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy travel to Narnia to save the magical land from the evil White Witch, with the help of mighty lion Aslan. For ticket information and start times, go to www.kentontheatre.co.uk or phone 01491 575698.

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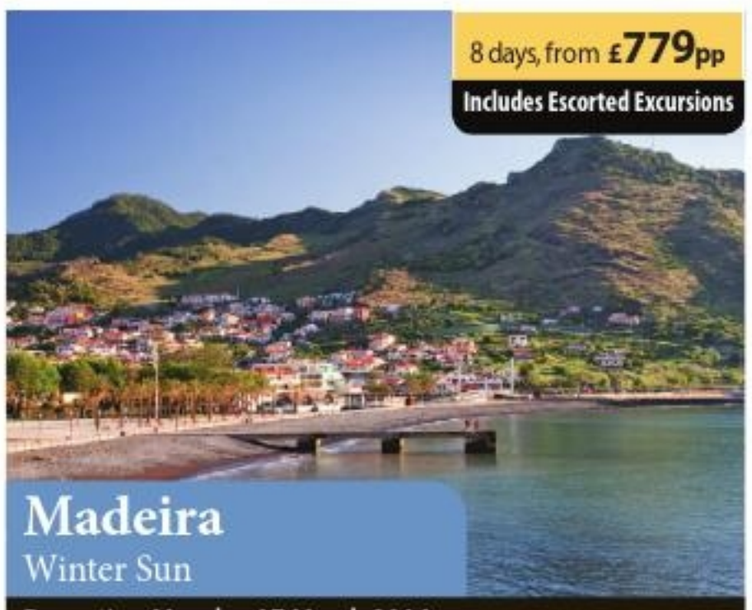

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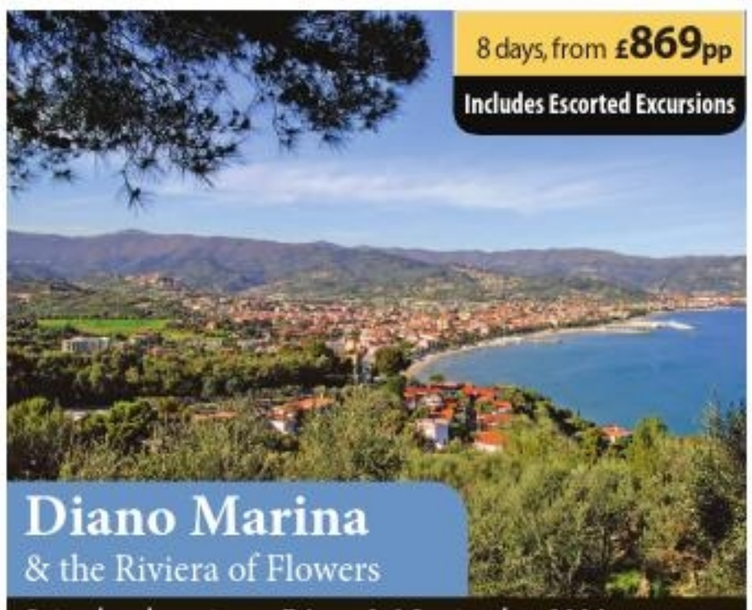

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Dark, moody and loud

It's Sean Lock

COMEDIAN and 8 Out of 10 Cats team captain Sean Lock brings his new stand-up show to the New Theatre on Saturday, entitled 'Purple Van Man'.

Everyone knows what White Van Man thinks about the world, but Sean is asking the opinions of Purple Van Man, with a mix of gags, deft observations and some silly voices.

Tickets cost £26.90 for an 8pm start. To book, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 971 3020.

Kieran Hurley

KIERAN Hurley presents his new show 'Beats', a mix of story-telling and visual music, which comes to the North Wall Arts Centre on Wednesday.

It tells the story of Johnno McCreadie, a Scottish teenager living at the times when raves had been outlawed. Go to www.thenorthwall.com for more information.

LONDON-BASED four-piece band Vuvuvultures come to the O2 Academy on Wednesday, performing songs from their debut album Push/Pull, as well as a couple of tracks yet to be released.

Vuvuvultures have been busy making a name for themselves during the last two years, with shows across the UK, Europe and a tour of Brazil earlier this year.

They released their first self-titled EP in 2012, and have been increasing their popularity ever since.

Made up of vocalist Harmony Boucher, bass player Nicole Bettencourt Coelho, guitarist Paul Ressel and drummer Matt Christensen, Vuvultures are currently completing a 10-date tour of England.

Speaking about the upcoming show, Harmony said: "It will probably be dark, moody, and loud, very loud."

Nicole added: "We're playing two new tracks as well. We've written a few songs since we released the album, and we got really excited by it so we decided we're going to try them live on tour.

By **Adam Flinn**

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"The reaction to the album has been pretty good. People seem to love it or hate it, but I'd rather it had a reaction than no reaction.

"We're just excited to do another one really. We've started writing already, so hopefully we'll get back in the studio next year."

As for the band's name, Vuvuvultures was formed by a combination of random words coming together, and the four members agreeing on it.

Harmony said: "It came from months of annoying friends with different names. Basically we came up with about 400 names, and that was the only one we agreed on."

Nicole said: "We chose random words from books we were reading for example, and somehow Vuvuvultures came out of that. We wanted something we could give our own meaning to."

Doors open at 6pm, and tickets cost £8. For booking information, call 0844 477 2000.

• *Vuvuvultures make their first ever visit to Oxford on Wednesday*

Calendar Girls

PERFORMANCES of the famous story Calendar Girls, based on the screenplay by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth, are being staged at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre from Tuesday.

A group from a Yorkshire branch of the Women's Institute persuade each other to pose for a charity calendar, but end up revealing more than they had intended.

Tickets for the show cost £9. For more information and a list of start times, call 01295 297002 or go to their website: www.themillartscentre.co.uk.

Jazzing it up

JAZZ musician Jacqui Dankworth comes to the Didcot Cornerstone tomorrow evening, accompanied by husband and blues keyboardist Charlie Wood.

Jacqui is the daughter of composer Sir John Dankworth and singer Dame Cleo Laine, and had composed and performed distinctive new takes on familiar jazz songs.

The show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £14.50. Call 01235 515144 or go to www.cornerstone-arts.org for more details.

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Start date, Saturday 5th October with rehearsals on a Saturday evening culminating in a performance weekend on 22nd-24th November.
We will be exploring different styles of jazz and contemporary. Participants will have the opportunity to perform on a professional stage at Oxford's New Theatre as well as performing to hundreds on a big open air stage at the City's Light Festival. We are looking young dancers aged 8 to 18"
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Visitors can talk to characters from Victorian times to discover what life was really like 'Upstairs and Downstairs' at Christmas time and warm themselves in front of the yule log in the hearth of the great fireplace while enjoying a glass of hot fruit punch. The splendid Victorian-style decorations around the house and the magnificent Christmas tree in the Upper Drawing Room will add to the flavour and charm of the season.

Closing date:

Friday, December 6

In the National Motor Museum, the Victorian theme continues as visitors can see what driving was really like in those early days. Don't miss the 'Wheels' pod-ride transporting you on a journey through one hundred years of motoring history.

It is also the last chance to see the museum's exciting BOND IN MOTION exhibition (closing on the 5th January), showcasing 50 original vehicles from the James Bond films. This is the largest exhibition of its kind to be staged anywhere in the world, and celebrates 50 years of the film franchise.

In the World of Top Gear Enormodrome you can watch exclusive footage from behind the scenes in the Top Gear production zones and see actual cars from some of the most ambitious challenges.

For shopping delights you can visit the Beaulieu gift shops which offer everything from soft toys and stocking fillers for children, to a wide selection of motor related items, traditional gifts and Beaulieu's own wine and festive fareThe Beaulieu attraction is open from 10am to 5pm daily, except Christmas Day. For further information visit: www.beaulieu.co.uk

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Corrosive (7)
5 Occur again (5)
8 Pain (4)
9 Weight for athletes (8)
10 Tree (5,8)
13 Insect (4)
14 Always (4)
17 Questioning (13)
19 Vision (8)
20 Way out (4)
21 Examinations (5)
22 Plotter (7)

Quick Clues Down

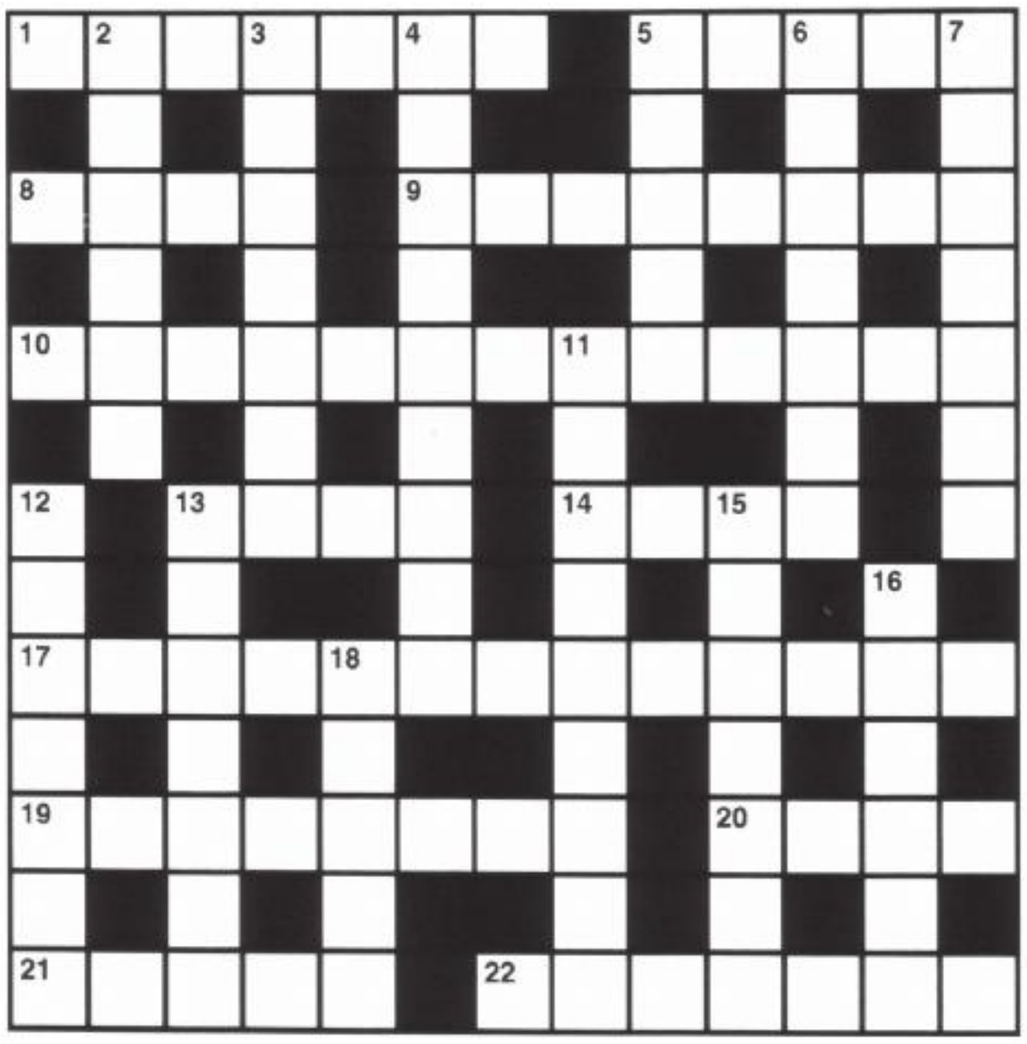
2 Nautical securing device (6)
3 Relation (7)
4 Pointer (9)
5 Garments (5)
6 More pure (7)
7 Narrated (7)
11 Vigorous (9)
12 Threepronged implement (7)
13 Accumulates (7)
15 Utmost (7)
16 Courteous (6)
18 Destroys (5)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Hold back the chorus (7)
5 Shapes the actors (5)
8 Lose one's step in the dance (4)
9 Somehow veins put years on face (8)
10 Reproducing for existence ends in scolding (13)
13 He has good taste (4)
14 Encourage 21 to lose his head (4)
17 With which the birdbrained housewife clears the house? (7,6)
19 Read aloud in part (8)
20 Tree in which you hear the sap rising (4)
21 Swell surgeon, who fails to get on (5)
22 Contrary to presentday poetry (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Strays include alternative mistakes (6)
3 Drive back the enemy although about beat (7)
4 Fine fable beggars description (9)
5 Feature a type of porcelain (5)
6 Where one doesn't mind being stranded (7)
7 It sounds a trifling trick (7)
11 Would he never have behaved in cavalier fashion? (9)
12 Where the schoolboy betrays his friends (7)
13 Hear about the girl? Who? Erica! (7)
15 Sure to get movement (7)
16 It's about places in the races (6)
18 He gets a welcome lift (5)



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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Speaker 5 Treat 8 Fall 9 Opposite 10 Unwillingness 13 Ogre 14 Vast 17 Investigating 19 Roomiest 20 Sawn 21 Dusky 22 Prayers

Down: 2 Plains Allying 4 Emollient 5 Thong 6 Evident 7 Tresses 11 Navigator 12 Stirred 13 Obvious 15 Satisfy 16 Answer 18 Slimy

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Aridity 5 Based 8 Purr 9 Aquarium 10 Thunderstorms 13 Seem14 Atop 17 Praying mantis 19 Stranger 20 Bear 21 Elder 22 Freshen

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Ford has invested £110million to develop a special high-tech line at the Cologne Engine Plant to build the engine. The plant's 870 employees build up to 350,000 units a year of the engine.

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"The 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine is a true collaboration from start to finish, with expertise from Ford specialists across Europe leveraged in designing both the engine and the cutting-edge facility in which it will be produced," said Stephen Odell, chairman and CEO, Ford of Europe.

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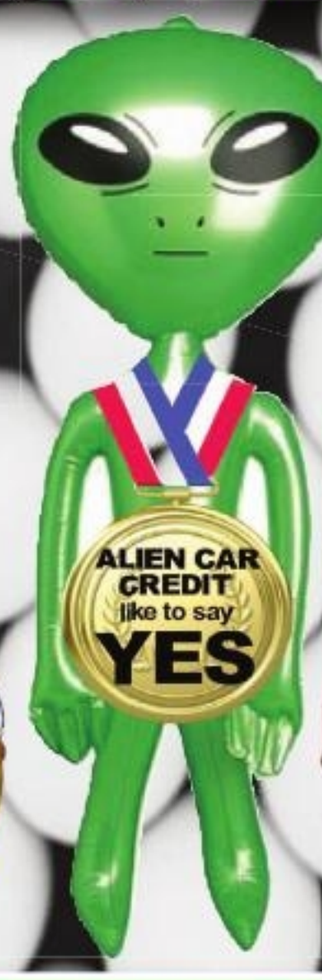

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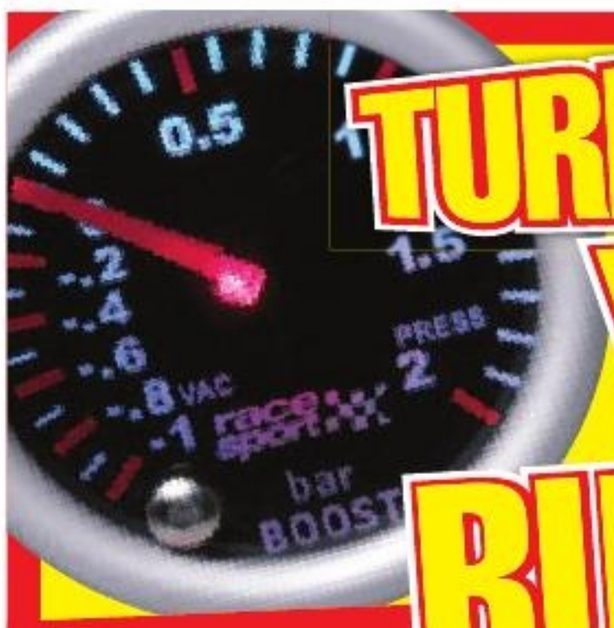

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Hitman nets 100th Oxford strike as Wilder's men go top of league

JAMES Constable's 100th goal for the club helped Oxford United to a 3-1 win at Mansfield Town last Saturday, seeing the U's return to the top of League Two on goal difference.

United have taken 29 points from 16 games so far this season with a superior goal difference keeping them above Chesterfield and Rochdale.

Goals from Sean Rigg, Constable and Ryan Williams earned United their sixth win away from home this season, extending their unbeaten run on the road to eight games so far this campaign.

By **Jack Johnson**

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However, the win may have come at a price as both Andy Whing and Deane Smalley limped off in a hectic first-half that saw Mansfield's Jamie McGuire sent off for a two-footed tackle on Danny Rose.

Despite the injuries, United's assistant manager Mickey Lewis was pleased with what he described as an "excellent performance".

Lewis told the club: "We played some really good football and scored some really good goals, but on top of that I thought we were really disciplined.

"Mansfield threw lots of things at us and when they went down to 10 men they were on the front foot so we had to defend well.

"It was a good all round performance. We won headers and tackles and matched them."

Rigg opened the scoring after 12 minutes, tapping into an empty net after Alan Marriott found Rose's shot too hot to handle, but Mansfield levelled in first-half injury time through Lee Stevenson.

However, Constable, who replaced the injured Smalley, neatly tucked away Williams' cross just moments later to restore United's lead at the break.

United put the game beyond Mansfield's reach when Williams turned in Rigg's low centre on 66 minutes for his second of the season.

Lewis added: "The third goal was really important.

"It doesn't kill the game totally but it gives you a bit more freedom to relax and I thought we moved the ball really well [after that].

"I thought it was a good performance by everybody and Dave Kitson was outstanding."

As the Journal went to print, United were in action at Conference side Gateshead in an FA Cup first round replay.

On Saturday, the U's welcome Morecambe to the Kassam Stadium.

Mansfield Town 1
Oxford United 3

• James Constable is now the second highest goalscorer in Oxford United's history (Picture by Steve Daniels)

FA Vase agony for City after penalty miss

DARREN Pond's last minute penalty miss saw Oxford City cruelly miss out on the chance to earn an FA Vase third-qualifying round replay against Hendon last Sunday.

Trailing 2-1, City had a great chance to avoid an upset against the Ryman League Premier Division side but Pond saw his injury time spot kick saved by Berkley Laurencin.

Declan Benjamin had given City the lead just before half-time but goals from Kyle McCluskey and Anthony Thomas ultimately earned Hendon the win.

Mike Ford's men will now look to put the defeat behind them as they travel to Guiseley in the Skrill North this Saturday.

The Hoops are currently on a two-match unbeaten run in the league and are 18th in the table with 12 points.

A win at Guiseley this weekend would be City's first away victory from home this campaign.

Below-par Exiles maintain lead after Ealing victory

LONDON Welsh maintained their five-point lead at the top of the Greene King IPA Championship table with a 28-0 win over Ealing Trailfinders last weekend.

Tries from Rob Lewis, Seb Stegmann and Tom May helped them to the win, but it was a less than impressive display from the Exiles.

Head coach Justin Burnell admitted that the performance was not the best and improvements will be needed for Saturday's trip to Moseley.

Burnell said: "You can't get more than five points out of the game.

"We didn't concede any points and we remain undefeated, so a job well done.

"It was a scrappy game, we looked disjointed at times.

"But it's a bonus point win and we move forward to a very difficult game in Moseley."

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